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ON THE COVER

Since much of the magazine's focus for this issue is the strength and accomplishments of women, the Companion thought it appropriate to offer a late-winter bouquet of beauty for its cover. Should the vibrance of warm-weather flowers happen to ease us into spring a bit early, the choice is doubly-welcome.



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BY B.J. SMALL



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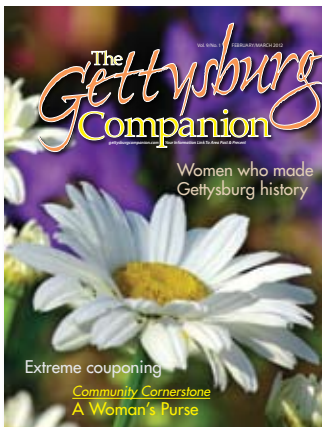
This year marks the fifth February that the *Gettysburg Times* will publish a PROGRESS edition.

The environment and economy have shifted significantly in the short time since it was first produced, but the purpose of the special section is the same — present front-line perspective on the challenges, goals, and potential for success in the coming year.

Challenge seems to be the word.

We are fortunate that professionals in tourism, agriculture, education, communities and lifestyles, human services, culture and arts, health, and government have been forthright in their forecasts and analyses.

What would they consider to be progress in 2012? Why is achieving their goals and success important to the Adams County community, constituents and customers? Each solution is unique, yet linked.



Plans and forecasts by the experts — and families living paycheck to paycheck for that matter — have run the gamut in these volatile times. But one human quality has been steadfast.

Hope.

For the first time since 1968, Adams County elected an entirely new board of commissioners. As for progress, Randy Phiel, Jim Martin and Marty Qually say they are, "working towards promoting good community relationships. We believe there should be a concentrated effort to identify compatible businesses and to create a more business friendly environment in Adams County."

The Gettysburg Area School District sees progress in construction of the new Adams County Tech Prep building on the high school campus, and in other areas.

Steve Niebler, the director of the Adams County Office for Aging, Inc., says, "The population of older people in the county, the state and the nation continues to grow and that will always present new challenges to us."

ACOFA will carry forward the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center, a federal initiative that is beginning to pay dividends for both the senior population of the county as well as those residents under the age of 60 who have a disability.

The Adams County Arts Council opened a beautiful Arts Education Center on South Washington Street in Gettysburg a few short months ago.

"We raised the stakes considerably when we bought our new building," says Council Executive Director Chris Glatfelter. "Paying for it, plus operations and programs, will present an ongoing challenge. But we're up to it and with your participation, we can meet it."

Last year's PROGRESS edition was tagged, "Determined to make a better tomorrow." *Companion* readers can agree that these days, it's a mantra that crosses all lines.

How long until jobs return? For workers to feel secure that the job will be there tomorrow? To feel confident to spend money?

The common thread in the messages in the PROGRESS edition and the day-to-day challenges facing *Companion* readers, is uncertainty.

We believe that folks around here have the wherewithal to endure as our quality of life spirals.

We hope so.

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How to save

Just about everyone wants to save money these days and coupons are a good way to do that. From the click of the mouse online to searching through local newspapers, more people are cutting, pasting and searching for the stores with the right product.

Kathy Hawk of Huntingdon County saves hundreds of dollars by using coupons and she offers a class for others to learn how.

This past fall, the former Littlestown resident offered workshops in both Gettysburg and Chambersburg, with tips on how shoppers can take their savings to the max.

BIG

By HOLLY FLETCHER

On any given Saturday, you might find Hawk at the Dollar General Store in Orbisonia with her coupon strategy and her family in tow.

Last month, she bought \$280 worth of cleaning supplies and it only cost her about \$95.

She uses a combination of in-store coupons, manufacturer's coupons, and timing. For example: Dollar General offered a "\$5 off your next purchase of \$25 or more" coupon at the bottom of a shopper's receipt. So, Hawk went into the store and bought eight candies for \$1, but paid for them separately, ending up with eight \$5 coupons.

"I spent about 12 cents per candy, but ended up with \$40 in coupons," she said.

Hawk returned that Saturday, with her kids to help push carts, and made eight separate transactions of \$25. When she added up her purchases, took off the store coupon and her manufacturer's coupons, she saw big savings.

Are extreme coupon savings better than buying in bulk from warehouse clubs?

"Bulk is good, but the key is to get the product for free or almost free," said Hawk.

She explains that 10 tubes of toothpaste at a bulk store will cost around \$9. With a \$1 coupon, you can get 10 tubes for \$8.

"That's a pretty good deal, but your toothpaste is bundled together so the coupon is only good on the whole bundle, not individually," said Hawk. "At a store like Dollar General, I can get the same Colgate toothpaste - granted it's the smaller 3 oz. size - but can use the \$1 coupon on every single tube and they are all free," she said.

"I have enough toothpaste to last me a year and I didn't have to pay a membership fee to shop."

"You also have to be good at math and know how to work the numbers to bring the price down."

– Kathy Hawk
COUPON EXPERT

According to Hawk, you have to study the circulars for what goes on sale and keep track of your clipped coupons.

"You also have to be good at math and know how to work the numbers to bring the price down," she said.

This method works online, too. "At Target stores website (target.com) they had a dollar off three boxes of Kellogg's cereals, plus Kellogg's (kellogg.com) has coupons for cereal, so you stack them with the Target coupons and get a good deal on your cereal," she said.

A recent marketing study showed that 88.2 million consumers used online and printable coupons as an important part of their shopping excursion this past year. Hawk also takes advantage of 10 for \$10 sales.

When spaghetti sauce was selling for \$1 a jar, she used a 45-cent coupon for each jar. After the store doubled the coupon, she only spent 10 cents a jar.

"This is not about saving \$10. This is about saving 40 to 70 percent on your bill," she said. Hawk got started on her super savings strategy after watching The Learning Channel's "Extreme Couponing" reality show and wondering how those women could save all that money each week.

"I do teach my classes a bit differently than the "extreme" show," she admits.

On the show, Hawk said the shoppers are shown buying 200 of this and 100 of that and "hoarding" it, but she didn't want to do that, nor did she have the room to store it. She also wondered why the shoppers on television are never shown buying milk, fresh vegetables, or other "real" foods.

"Let's say they bought 200 air fresheners and 100 boxes of crackers and 60 deodorants and got their bill from \$500 down to \$20, but I'll bet they went back into the store after the show and bought their milk, fruits and chicken," she said. "You can't live on air fresheners!"

Hawk acknowledges there are some things you will not find a coupon for, but if you can get your bill from \$200 down to \$75 or lower, you deserve a pat on the back.

"In this economy, who wouldn't want that?" she asked. The keys to success are being organized (she has a binder with all her coupons) and disciplined, she said.

"Why waste your coupon on a full-priced item? Shop around." Hawk admits to "stockpiling, not hoarding" and each month she fills a box with items her family does not need and gives them to someone who does.

"I only shop once a week and I focus on what the stores have on sale and what I have a coupon for that week," she said. "I, obviously, don't need any more toothpaste, so I'll see what else is a great deal."

Although Moms make up a large percentage of coupon clippers, more men are becoming interested and even teenagers are picking up the movement. Hawk is

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– Kathy Hawk
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convinced that once shoppers start extreme couponing, they will not want to stop.

Lindsay Fry of Carlisle attended one of Hawk's workshops and learned more ways to lower her grocery bill.

"I watched the TLC reality show and had also read a book, "How to Shop for Free," so I was saving money on my own, but I was amazed at some of the tips Kathy offered," she said.

One of those tips was how to find coupons. "My friends and I buy newspapers, especially weekend editions, and we swap what coupons we need, but through Kathy I learned that you can also buy coupons on Ebay," she said.

This allows shoppers to get multiples of coupons they will use, and they can pick and choose which coupons they want, she said.

"I steer clear of coupons that you print online, so searching through the papers and finding coupons on Ebay is much simpler for me, personally," she said.

Fry admits that it does take time and effort to first find, and then effectively use, the coupons. "But once you get to the register and see your grocery bill cut in half or more, it's totally worth it," she said.

She said extreme couponing the way Hawk teaches it is more realistic.

"Watching the (television) show, you'll see them buy 1,000 rolls of paper towels that they might use in, say 10 years, if the product doesn't disintegrate before

"My friends and I buy newspapers, especially weekend editions, and we swap the coupons we need."

– Lindsay Fry
COUPON USER

then," she said. "I also do not know anyone who needs 100 bottles of mustard."

For Fry, it's more practical to have a six-month supply of paper products and non-perishables.

"It's important to focus on the things that are on sale and use your multiple coupons on those two or three items to stockpile what you need and then, don't buy any more until you basically run out," she said.

Fry believes that more savvy shoppers will start catching on to extreme couponing.

"I was using a bunch of coupons on my bill the other day and a gentleman behind me was very interested to learn how I did it," she said. "It's addictive."

Hawk plans to offer more workshops in the future. She also holds in-home classes to groups of ten or more. Call 814-542-3191 for more information. 📞



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Profile

JANET MORGAN RIGGS

Alma mater president



When Janet Morgan Riggs entered Gettysburg College as a psychology student more than three decades ago, she never expected she would someday become president at her alma mater.

The 1977 grad became president of Adams County's only liberal arts college in September 2009, after almost 30 years of teaching psychology at the school.

"As I was finishing my dissertation, I was looking for faculty positions and Gettysburg's psychology department had a one-year position available to replace someone who was away on sabbatical. I applied, interviewed, and was offered the job," recounted Janet, who earned her PhD at Princeton University. "My husband, Ed, and I thought it would be fun to return to Gettysburg for a year."

After her one-year assignment, Janet was offered a permanent teaching spot at the College and the rest is history.

She spent the 1980s and the early part of the 1990s teaching social psychology at Gettysburg College. During that time, she and Ed settled in Gettysburg and raised three now-grown children.

"I've really grown so fond of this community," she said, highlighting her goal to make sure the College's relationship with Gettysburg is healthy. "It's a wonderful place to raise a family."

Then Gordon Haaland was appointed president of the College

in 1990, and Janet was set on the path to being future administrator.

“He wanted a faculty point of view in the president’s office,” Janet said. “I didn’t teach at all for three years.” She also served as interim provost for a short time during the 1990s before returning to full-time teaching.

“I think that experience was what led our former president (Katherine Haley Will) to ask me to step in as interim provost in 2006 while the College was doing a search for a new provost,” she said.

With encouragement from fellow faculty members and lots of careful thought, she applied for provost and was appointed permanently to the position.

“I loved interaction with students,” said Janet of her time as a psychology professor. “I really had to think about that.”

“If the faculty wanted me in this role, then I should do it,” she recalled thinking.

A year later, Will stepped down as president and the long time faculty member was tabbed as interim president, and later as the College’s 14th president.

“It was really a very unusual series of events that brought me here!” she said.

Spending almost 60 percent of her time off campus, Janet describes her job as a combination of planning for the long-term future of the College, managing day-to-day operations, and cultivating financial and volunteer support for Gettysburg College among alumni, parents and friends.

“I am the College’s biggest promoter, to external audiences but also internally as well,” she said.

A large part of that promotion, she said, stems from two important things needed by the College: reputation and resources.

“We truly offer one of the very best liberal arts educations in the country, but our reputation continues to be anchored by who we were many years ago,” she said, explaining much of her time is spent extolling the virtues of a Gettysburg College education.

“I also feel a tremendous commitment to Gettysburg, since I’m a product of it,” she continued. “I always kid around about the fact that I have orange and blue running through my veins.”


Janet also works heavily to make sure the College continues to enjoy enough financial resources to operate.

“Fundraising is a huge part of the president’s role,” she said.

But for the veteran Bullet, the best part of her role is the 2,500 students enrolled at the College, and it is those students that keep her inspired to work for the betterment of her alma mater.

Last fall, she taught a psychology course while maintaining a heavy travel schedule that takes her from New York City to California on a regular basis.

She also enjoys monthly meetings with the Student Senate president, attending student events, and hosting dinners for students at her official residence, located adjacent to campus.

“When I see what they are able to accomplish, it just lifts me up,” Janet said. “These students are going to go on to have positive impact in their communities, in their professions, and in the world.” 



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Occasionally, the Old Lucketts Store welcomes food vendors to their parking lot to offer another dining option for shoppers.

The Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets are full handicap accessible with wide entryways and pathways to accommodate wheelchairs.

The Old Lucketts Store features a variety of staircases and narrow passageways. In order to fully enjoy the shopping experience at the store, shoppers should be prepared to climb stairs, since no elevators or ramps are available.

Shopping in Loudoun County, VA

Be forewarned that this isn't your average outlet experience.

A day out shopping takes you from modern to antique to shabby chic, just under an hour from Gettysburg in Loudoun County, Virginia.

Just a short down drive south on Route 15, Lucketts, Va. is a small gateway community welcoming travelers from the north into a pleasant little hamlet tucked away in the hills of Northern Virginia. The town only has one traffic light, but that signal is the hub of antiquing in the community.

On the eastern side of the intersection, the Old Lucketts Store commands attention, with its front porch festooned with bright red doors, and multiple backyard sheds filled with home décor.

The store is broken into two facilities – one located at the intersection, offering a variety of antique and shabby chic goods over the space of three floors to suit any taste or collector. The second facility is the Design House, located a short walk up the road.

Walking into the store, shoppers are greeted by friendly counter staff, and surrounded by tons of unique finds. Rooms in the repurposed 19th century house follow themes, with some rooms offering different color tones, some offering vintage toys, and others

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To get to the Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets, continue south from Lucketts on Route 15 for approximately 8 miles. Turn left on Fort Evans Road. Parking lots for the outlets will be on the right.





on the third floor a virtual treasure trove of lightly used vintage fashions.

It's easy to spend hours with shopping companions comparing items, and discussing the possible use of an item in your own home. Both large pieces of furniture and smaller, easily transportable items offer satisfaction for any buyer.

The Design House is billed as a "monthly showcase of interior design" where every item is available for purchase. As such, large pieces of furniture as well as novelty items are displayed in a usable fashion in order to give buyers an idea of how things will look in their own homes.

Both the Old Lucketts Store and the Design House share a blog in which staff members share recent additions, recipes, anecdotes, and general happenings around the store. It's a wonderful place to find out about upcoming events at the store as well as the surrounding area.

Next door to the store is the Beekeeper's Cottage, which offers luxurious, unique home furnishings. Although the building seems small, the interior is packed with furniture, novelty items, soap and candles, and numerous home accessories for the shopper that wants to add something special to their home.


If after perusing the offerings in Lucketts, shoppers still have the energy (and money) to spend, a trip to the Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets is in order. The shopping complex is located a short drive south on Route 15 in neighboring Leesburg.

Many of the stores in the outlet mall are high-end and include such delights as a Yankee Candle outlet, Restoration Hardware, Williams Sonoma, Barneys, and other premium clothing stores.

The stores however, are true outlet stores, and as such, prices are friendly to most shoppers – with even a few bargains available.

Frequent shoppers at the outlets have found that parking is often at a premium, so early arrival, patience, or advanced planning is a must for anyone looking to spend a day shopping.

Like other outlet malls, passages connecting stores are outdoors, so be sure to dress accordingly for the weather.

Whether you're looking for unique home furnishings, a different antiquing experience, gift shopping, or just a day out with the girls, Lucketts and Leesburg are a natural choice. And, by using just one tank of gas, there's plenty of cash left to shop! 



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A thing of the past? Hardly.

BY MARK WALTERS



On an ordinary December day on the square of New Oxford, Nadine Devine comes into Martin's Hardware Store looking for a clear bulb for a string of Christmas lights. While the 75-year-old Littlestown resident was unable to leave with what she was searching for, it will not prevent her from coming back to the mom-and-pop establishment that has been a fixture in the community for almost four decades.

"I grew up with hardware stores like this in Littlestown," Devine said. "This is the place to go."

Martin's, like many small-town hardware stores around Adams County, is one of the last of a dying breed across America. But as big-box stores continue to swallow up the smaller competition with flashy advertisements and much more floor space, smaller places around the area have been getting

by with flexible ordering options and personal service.

"They're not buying products any cheaper than us," says Steve Martin, owner and operator of Martin's Hardware Store, of the big box stores. "But their costs are more due to overhead. Me and my guys unload trucks, clean windows; we wear many hats as small business people."

Including himself, Martin employs three people. His father and founder of the store, 91-year-old William Martin, still helps out however he can at the store with just 2,500 square feet of floor space.

"The joy of self-employment is seeing friends when they come back to thank us for our help," Martin says. "To be able to say 'hi' to them and know their names, it's rewarding. You see familiar faces day-by-day. Everyday is a different day. No two days are the same."





“Our customers aren’t just customers, but our friends. We appreciate them.”

– Dave Metz
OWNER, METZ’S HARDWARE

Ron Lehn, who has been a manager at Wogan’s Drug True Value & Variety at 410 N. Queen St., Littlestown, for 15 years, says his store’s variety is similar to that of a big box store but that it is the personalized service that his staff can offer that makes it a viable hardware store for locals to shop.

“People can come in and ask questions,” Lehn said. “A lot of our employees have experience as mechanics, electricians, plumbers. It’s people with knowledge of stuff for people asking questions. They can come in and ask people right away. They don’t have to ask six people. For people around town, it’s their place to shop. They like to hear their names when they come in.”



Dave Metz owns and operates Metz’s at 105 W. Main St., Fairfield, with his mother, Judy Metz. Judy says that when Dave was studying electrical engineering and marketing at Penn State University, he would come home to help his mother and father run the store on weekends.

“Sometimes it’s like our customers aren’t just customers but our friends,” says Dave. “We appreciate them. If it wasn’t for them coming in to see us, we would probably have a different attitude about this job. We thank the Lord that most people are honest and up front.”

While APM Buildings in Arendtsville is much more than a hardware store, the company that started out as the Arendtsville Planing Mill has been serving the Upper Adams borough since the 1950s.

“We do everything from nuts and bolts to paint, sundries and

“It’s about serving people...to get their needs met with the product.”

– Curt Grim
OWNER, APM



the basics for small projects,” says APM owner and operator Curt Grim, who bought the business from his parents, Elson and Jane Grim, in 1994. “It’s about serving people to get their needs met with the product.”

Like Wogan’s, APM is associated with True Value, a co-op. It gives the stores the ability to specially order from True Value online and pick up the product at a local, independently owned True Value location, free of shipping.



"I like working with people. When I help a customer, they go away pleased, and I'm pleased."

— Ron Slaybaugh
WOGAN'S EMPLOYEE

"We're associated with the nationwide label, but we're still an independently-owned hardware store so we can make our own decisions," Lehn says.

Thinking about the history of the small, southeastern Adams County town, Lehn rattles off a list of other hardware stores that used to serve Littlestown. He mentions Zerfing's, Reaver's and Renner's.

When he was asked by Mrs. Wogan if the store could survive in Littlestown, Lehn says he told her that he did not see any reason why it could not due to the people, their knowledge and a competitive price.

"I like working with people," says Ron Slaybaugh, who works at Wogan's and has been in the hardware business since 1973. "When I help a customer, they go away pleased and I'm pleased."

Martin says that sometimes people will come in with pictures of a project they're in the midst of. He said he's run into customers at church on a Sunday and run into the store, closed on the Sabbath, and gotten a piece or a part they have needed.

"The one-on-one with customers, you don't get that at the box stores like you do here," says Ron Boring, one of Martin's three employees. "You get to know the area and the people who come in."

Bill Bechtel, Martin's other employee, says he has seen kids grow up and now as adults they come in to the store.

"To me, it's an ideal job," Bechtel says. 



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By DICK WATSON



A Woman's Purse

Each year, Adams County Children & Youth Services monitor more than 60 children in foster care.

"I think too many people think that kids in foster care have done something wrong," says Kathy Nelson, chief professional officer of the United Way of Adams County. "Actually, it's just the opposite; most of the kids are there because their parents have done something wrong."

Of those children in the foster care program, approximately 40 of them between the ages of 16 and 21 are part of Children & Youth Services Independent Living Program that helps youth transition from foster care to being self sufficient.

"It's a time when youth struggle to make ends meet, to find jobs, when they sometimes make





questionable decisions and often become a larger cost to the community,” said Nelson. “By helping them better prepare and advising and supporting them during that process, we can help them acquire the life skills and connections they need to succeed.”

Leasia Ayers-Caswell, specialist at Adams County Children and Youth Services, adds that, “The Independent Living Program offers youth life skills classes as well as referrals to various community resources, such as the housing authority, social security and the county assistance office. Additional services include assistance with locating employment, purchasing vehicles and pursuing educational goals as well as developing refusal skills to avoid engaging in risky behaviors.”

Six years ago in Adams County, A Woman’s Purse initiative was created as a network of women dedicated to partnering with Children and Youth Services to help resolve foster care emancipation issues through their collective power, talents, treasures and passion. The initiative is now part of a national women’s movement at more than 140 United Ways across the country.

It gives women the opportunity to learn more about the critical issues facing our youth, to network with other women and community leaders, to inspire others to action through mentoring and volunteering, and to attend special events featuring noted speakers and women of influence.

Approximately 100 women in Adams County currently comprise membership in A Women’s Purse. They include professionals as well as women in business, banking, real estate, sales, education and other fields. They volunteer their time and specific talents to counsel young men and women, some individually, some collectively.


A Woman’s Purse is funded through annual memberships of \$25 plus an annual Purse Auction in the ballroom of the Gettysburg Hotel. The 2012 event will take place on Friday, February 24 from 6 to 10 p.m.

The event features live and silent auctions, door prizes, purse raffles and surprises.

“We have designer bags—both new and gently used—summer bags, winter bags, leather bags, straw bags,” said Nelson. “Some bags will even be filled with goodies.”

Tickets for the auction cost \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of ten. The cost includes a bountiful buffet of bites and desserts and a complimentary glass of bubbly. A cash bar will also be available.

Auctioneer for the evening will be Kaila Gaines of Bermudian Springs and the World Wide College of Auctioneering.

Last year’s auction, with 240 women in attendance, produced more than \$12,000 for the Independent Living Program. Contact the United Way, 717-334-5809, for tickets. 

Gettysburg women have written their own pages in history

Gettysburg is an area best known for its Civil War historical significance, but there are many women who have contributed to the area's history and popularity beyond the battle.

One Gettysburg area woman of significance is Mary Louise Stonesifer, who was also known for much of her life as Halo Meadows. She was an actress, writer and burlesque dancer. Stonesifer was born in Adams County in 1905. She attended school in Littlestown. After high school, Stonesifer went on to higher education and graduated from Hood College. She received her master's degree in drama from the University of Pennsylvania. Stonesifer then studied at a drama school in New York City until she went to Broadway. When she reached the stages of Broadway, she began using the stage name Louise Howard. Stonesifer married a well-known psychic, Jerome King Criswell, also known as The Amazing Criswell, and they moved to California. Stonesifer is best known for being Criswell's wife, a burlesque dancer during prohibition and her role in an episode of *You Bet Your Life* with Groucho Marx.

Another notable woman from Gettysburg is Annie Danner. She was a founding member of the Annie Danner Club which rallied for fair working wages for women. Annie and her sister, Irene, held the organization's meetings at their home which had been located at 8 Lincoln Square. Annie Danner died at the age of 86 in 1920. Irene died five years later. Upon her passing, Irene left the Danner home and contents, as well as a large sum of cash, to be used to establish the Gettysburg YWCA which was opened in 1929 at their home on Lincoln Square. Today, The Danner's home place is called the Inn At Lincoln Square, and it is used as a bed and breakfast. The Inn has an upstairs suite named after Annie Danner.

Annie Warner is another well-known name in town. Annie and her husband, John, were local socialites who helped with land and funding for the first hospital in Gettysburg. John Warner donated six acres of land and \$25,000 to help get the hospital established. Annie had been in failing health, and John thought of this as an opportunity to make a dedication to his wife. The cornerstone to the hospital was laid by Annie in 1919. The hospital, however, was unable to officially open until 1921 because of the postwar shortage of nurses.

BY JENNA STINSON

Tillie Pierce

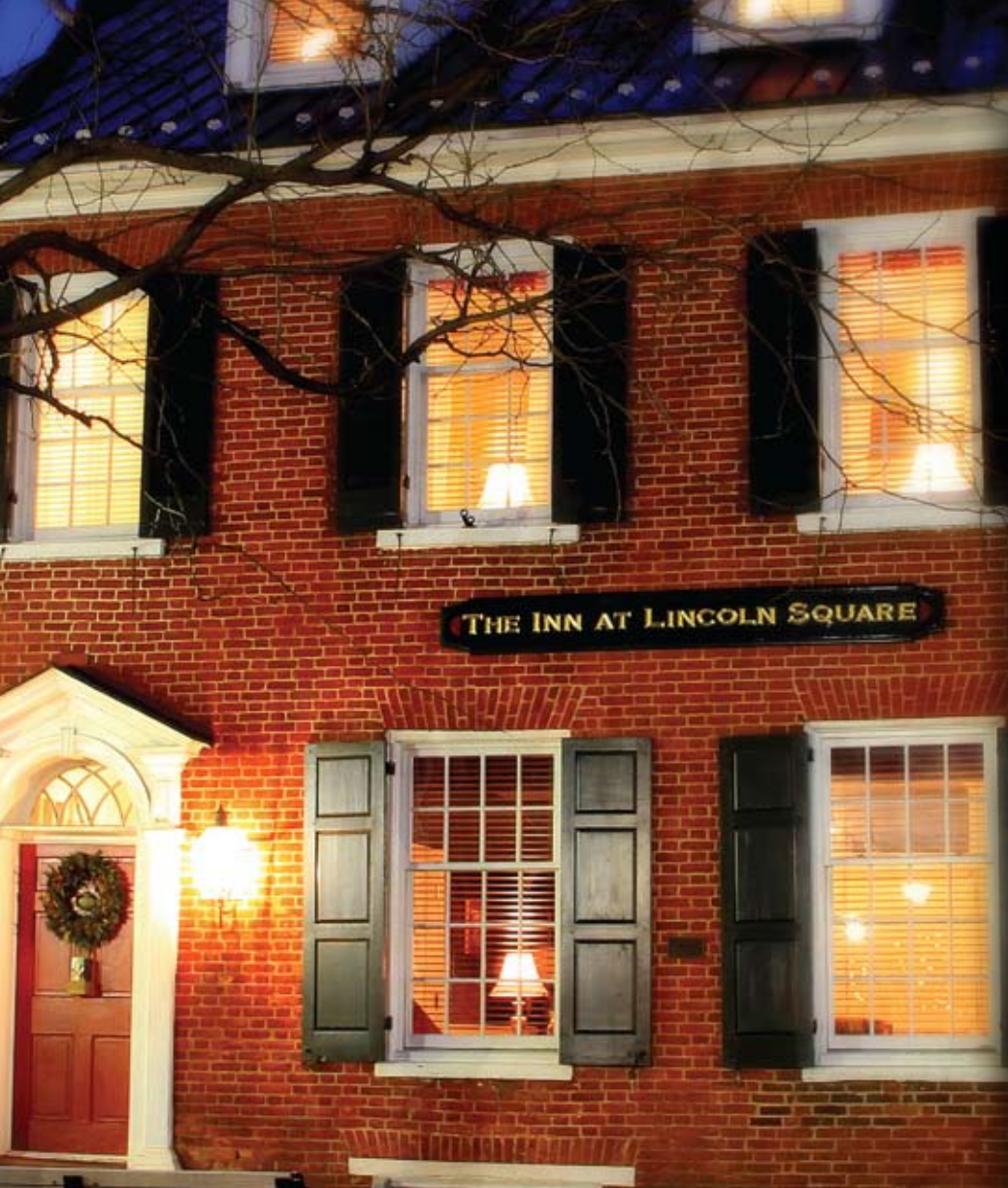


The hospital was named the Annie M. Warner Hospital for 62 years.

There are many women that were affiliated with the Civil War that have since become icons of the town.

Tillie Pierce was just 15-years-old when the Battle of Gettysburg began. Pierce lived with her family in a home at the corner of South Baltimore Street and Breckenridge Street. When the battle raged, Pierce's neighbor, Hettie Shriver, took her own children to her parent's farm near Little Roundtop. Shriver and Tillie's parents insisted that Tillie accompany the Shriver family to the farm because it would be a safer location. The second day of the battle took place by the Roundtops, right near the farm. Tillie helped nourish and take care of wounded Union soliders, along with Shriver and her family. Pierce kept a journal of all that she had seen during the days of battle, which she used 25 years later in a publication titled *At Gettysburg, Or What A Girl Saw And Heard Of The Battle*.





Annie Danner
(TOP RIGHT)
Salome Myers
(RIGHT)

Salome “Sallie” Myers acted as a nurse during the Battle of Gettysburg.

“Salome was born in June of 1822 and she was just 21-years-old during the battle. At the time, she was a public school teacher,” said Sally Thomas, Salome’s great-great-granddaughter.

“After the first day, the wounded needed to be taken care of, and a lot of places were already full. She lived just a few doors down from St. Francis, and the surgeon in charge of the Catholic Church asked Sallie to help take care of the wounded soldiers.”


Myers’ first encounter after taking on the new role of nurse, was with Sgt. Alexander Stewart, who proclaimed he was too close to death to be helped. Sallie attempted to help Stewart out anyway, but he died in July.

Her romantic life blossomed when the family of Alexander Stewart came to Gettysburg to thank her for all that she had done. Sallie fell in love with Alexander’s brother, Henry. Salome and Henry were married in 1867 and Henry passed away in 1868.

Salome raised their only child, a son, Henry Alexander Stewart, who was born after Henry’s passing.

Salome documented her experiences as a nurse during the war.

After the war, Salome returned to teaching. She also spent nineteen years serving as treasurer for the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War. She was the only nurse to hold an office that was not enlisted.

She published her experiences, *How a Gettysburg Schoolteacher Spent Her Vacation in 1863*. Her journal entries and notes were also later published by Thomas Publications. 

Adams County notables

BY JARRAD HEDES



Jamie P. Fleet

Adams County has had its share of residents with high profile jobs. Former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his wife, Mamie, retired to Gettysburg after the General served in the Oval Office. The third winningest left-handed pitcher in Major League Baseball history, Eddie Plank, also called the area home.

Those historical figures have since passed on but a new age of locals have cast themselves into the national spotlight. Among them is Gettysburg native Jamie P. Fleet. His ascent up the governmental ladder began in 1998 when he became the youngest member of Gettysburg Borough Council at the ripe age of 18. Local to his core, Fleet graduated from Gettysburg High School and Gettysburg College.

As an undergraduate student, Fleet took a job on Edward Rendell's election campaign when the former Philadelphia mayor successfully ran for Pennsylvania governor.

Fleet worked on Rendell's staff for several years before becoming executive director for Friends of Jonathan A. Saidel, the City Controller for Philadelphia, who sought the city's mayoral seat.

Saidel eventually dropped out of the race but it was while working that job that Fleet was introduced to fellow mayoral candidate, U.S. Congressman Bob Brady.

Brady hired Fleet and lost in the primary election to eventual winner Michael Nutter, but when Brady returned to the House of Representatives, he took Fleet with him.

"I'm not finished with you," Brady told Fleet at a concession party and made him staff director of the U.S. Committee on House Administration.

"Essentially, Bob is the Mayor of the House of Representatives, and I'm the City Administrator," Fleet said.

Fleet oversees House security, federal elections, the Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institution, the assignment of office and parking spaces to House members, and the "Green the Capital" program, among other duties.

“He’s probably the most recognized person here, and that includes the Speaker of the House,” Brady said of Fleet. “Anything of any significance goes through him, including the distribution of parking and office space, which are assigned based upon seniority.”

In his free time, Fleet has even been known to toss the pigskin around with President Barack Obama, but his focus remains on the job of overseeing 650 staffers in the U.S. House legislative branch.

“House members are here to do a job,” he said, “and it’s our role to make them have as few headaches as possible.”

Fleet now lives in Philadelphia with his wife Katie, and 2-year-old daughter Rory.

On the state level, Adams County residents have long been leading candidates when new Pennsylvania governors sit down to make state appointments.

In early 2011, Aspers resident Russell Redding finished his term as Secretary of Agriculture while 1978 Biglerville High School graduate Barry Schoch was tabbed by Governor Tom Corbett to lead the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.



Barry Schoch

Schoch is one of 10 vice-presidents at transportation engineering and planning company McCormick Taylor, working in their Harrisburg office.

“It is an exciting position for sure and also a very important one,” Schoch said. “No matter what job I’m doing, I always reflect on my time in Adams County and Biglerville. The lessons learned there are ones you always take with you.”

Schoch worked as a consultant to the Pennsylvania Turnpike in its application to impose tolls on Interstate 80. The Federal Highway Administration rejected that proposal.

Gettysburg native Tim Bream is no politician, but he is also no stranger to the national spotlight.

As an 18-year trainer of the Chicago Bears, it is Bream’s job to keep players of one of the NFL’s most prestigious teams healthy and ready to compete each week during football season.

Like most athletes, football players burn a lot of calories during their daily routine and part of Bream’s role is keeping them hydrated.

“We feed them stir-fry because of the high salt content and low fat,” he said.

“We give them spaghetti, soft pretzels, popcorn, a fruit smoothie bar, cold cuts and all kinds of beverages

like Gatorade products. The more carbs we can get in the players the better.”

As a senior at Gettysburg High School, Bream learned the ropes under legendary Gettysburg College trainer Lefty Biser in the late 1970s.

Bream later received a bachelor’s degree in athletic training from Penn State University and a master’s degree from West Virginia University. He then made the rounds working at college campuses including Vanderbilt, Syracuse and Richmond. His first professional football experience came in 1981 when he interned with the Detroit Lions.

Bream also worked on the U.S.O.C medical staffs of the 1991 World University Games in Sheffield, England and the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France. Formerly the treasurer for the Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society, he remains a member of the executive advisory board for Orthopedic Associates of Kankakee and Athletic Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine. Bream currently serves on the NFL medical committee for foot and ankle injuries. The Bears hired Bream in 1993 and this season is his 14th as head trainer.

“My friends from home have stayed in touch a lot and have really supported my career,” Bream said. “They called about five times the week the Bears were in the Super Bowl in 2007.”

Bream was featured as the Personality Profile in the October/November 2010 *Gettysburg Companion* (Vol. 7/No. 5). 



Tim Bream with his family.

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BY TOMMY RIGGS

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"Anyone for tea?"

In the heart of the Victorian town of Taneytown, Maryland sits Mary Anne's Tea Room, an elegant and old-fashioned 5-star restaurant designed for people to relax and enjoy life.

"It's for times past," said owner Mary Anne Reed. "To get away from the hustle and bustle. Get back to how times used to be."

Just opened in April of 2010, the establishment is ranked second in Maryland as a tea room and in the top 100 in the nation as a 5-star restaurant.

According to Russ Arenz, who is Reed's fiancée and business partner, the rankings are based on customer responses, what the tea room offers, and the environment there.

"We carry over 100 teas, very exotic teas" said Arenz. "Aloe, serenity, Japanese. One of our favorites is peach apricot. That's a huge seller."

Everything in the tea room is based on older, Victorian times. The waitress wears a maiden's outfit to match the attire of the servers in Victorian parlors, and all of the place settings are done in a Victorian style with the knife on the left and only spoons on the right.

"I'm passionate about older times, simpler times, when things meant the most to people," said Reed.

They have a fixed restaurant menu, but they change it every month.

"It's all traditional Victorian with a few of Mary Anne's punches thrown in," said Arenz. "Mary Anne's a master baker. Upside-down cranberry cake was her own creation. Sometimes, I'm amazed we can get it out of here and the staff doesn't eat it."

Reed has taken it upon herself to learn from the best.

"I got lessons from Roland Mesnier," she said. "He worked for the last five presidents and retired two years ago."

There is also a cafe in front of the tea room that they just opened on Dec. 1. Its menu largely stays the same.

Reed got her start with tea rooms as a Saturday fill-in at Piccadilly's Tea Room, which was in the same property that her restaurant now occupies. The owner of that business taught Reed everything about tea rooms, and Reed became the manager of that restaurant. When the owner retired to Florida, Reed fought for a loan to start a tea room of her own.



"It's for times past. To get away from the hustle and bustle. Get back to how times used to be."

— Mary Anne Reed
PROPRIETOR

The loan eventually went through, and Reed was able to follow her passion.

However, about two years ago, she was diagnosed with a condition called sarcoidosis.

"It's a condition that attacks anything it wants on your body," she said. "They don't know if it's genetic. They don't know if it's environmental."

Doctors do not know what causes the condition or how to cure it. Reed's lung tissue is turning into scar tissue, and she is on the waiting list for a double lung transplant. Despite the fact that she is in and out of the hospital, she is determined to be hard at work and in good spirits especially around the holidays, and her faith helps her do that.

"Everything in my life is faith-based," she said. "I just want to do everything I want to do in case I don't make it."

She has faith that the transplant will come through and that she will be right back running around again. With help from Arenz and from her faith, Reed has fought through her condition and managed to make her tea room into one of the best in Maryland.

"I'm still doing all of the baking here," said Reed. "Nothing has slacked. Russ has helped keep it open. He's my heir and my mind when I'm not here."

Arenz, who is from a construction background and was an electrical contractor, is determined to help keep the tea room successful for Reed.

"Everything I know about this, Mary Anne taught me," he said. "The room changes totally when Mary Anne comes in. (She) wanted to open this. She got sick, so I opened it, and I managed it for her until she got better. This is a woman who never smoked, never did drugs, total health nut. All of a sudden, she couldn't breathe one night."

Arenz' favorite part of helping to run the business is the people.

"They're mostly ladies that enjoy themselves and are having a great time," he said. "It's outright

exuberance. This place fills up with laughter a lot. We're very centrally located; most of our customers come out of Pennsylvania or Virginia. It's not unusual to hear people say that they traveled two hours to get here."

Mary Anne's Tea Room has a staff of just three people, including Reed, Arenz, and maiden Ashley Moore, but they do have several backups and on-call people for larger parties. The restaurant hosts group functions including luncheons and church meetings, but its biggest events are bridal showers and baby showers.

Reed and Arenz also enjoy hosting the Red Hat Society, which

is a group of women 50 years or older.

"They dress real out there," said Reed. "Everything is big and sparkly. They celebrate life."

Red Hat groups that come in with 10 or more people receive a free meal for their queens. For more information on that and on other group functions and discounts, visit maryannestheteas.com.

Mary Anne's Tea Room is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

"It's something about this tea room," said Reed. "People just don't forget." 🍵



WHAT'S Goin' On?

COMPILED BY JESSICA A. HAINES

FEBRUARY

Now-March 4. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, Frederick, MD, presents *Damn Yankees*. For more information and tickets, visit www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Now-March 31. Way Off Broadway Children's Theatre, Frederick, MD, presents *Pinkalicious – The Musical*. For more information and tickets, visit www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Gotterdammerung



Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m. The Edgar Winter Band and Rick Derringer will perform at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.

Feb. 3, 8 p.m. The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will perform at The Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org.

Feb. 3, 8 p.m. The H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center in Shippensburg presents *An Evening with Liza Minnelli*.

For more information, call 717-477-SHOW.

Feb. 3-5 & Feb. 9-12. York Little Theatre, 27 S. Belmont St., York, presents *Leading Ladies*. For more information and tickets, visit www.ylt.org.

Feb. 4, 1:30 p.m. Troy Harman will present *Counterfactual History: 'What ifs' of Gettysburg* at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gnmp.

Feb. 4, 6-9 p.m. Hauser After Hours will be held at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville, www.hauserestate.com.

Feb. 5, 1:30 p.m. John Heiser will present *The Army of Northern Virginia in 1862* at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gnmp.

Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m. Bruce Hornsby will perform at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.

Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. Blast will perform at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.

Feb. 10, 8 p.m. BeBe Neuwirth will perform at The Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org.

Feb. 11, 12 p.m. Gotterdammerung will be performed by the Metropolitan Opera and shown "Live in HD" at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Tickets are available at 717-337-8200.

Feb. 11, 1:30 p.m. D. Scott Hartwig will present *'I Dread the Thought of the Place': Antietam* at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gnmp.

Feb. 11, 6-9 p.m. Blythe Spirits will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville, www.hauserestate.com.

Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. Ladysmith Black Mambazo will perform at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.

Feb. 11, 8 p.m. Howie Mandel will perform at The Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org.

Feb. 12, 1:30 p.m. Chuck Teague will present *The Pipe Creek Line* at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gnmp.

Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. The H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center in Shippensburg presents *Fiddler on the Roof*. For more information, call 717-477-SHOW.

Feb. 16, 8 p.m. Spike Lee will present *The Cultural Diversity in America* at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. For more information, call 717-477-SHOW.

Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. Miranda Lambert will perform at the Giant Center, Hershey. For more information and tickets, visit www.hersheyentertainment.com.

Feb. 17-18, 7 p.m. & Feb. 18-19, 2 p.m. The Adams County School of Musical Theatre, 49 York St., Gettysburg, presents *Disney's Winnie The Pooh The Musical*. For more information and tickets, call 717-334-2692 or visit www.acsmt.org.

Feb. 18, 1:30 p.m. Dr. Allen Guelzo will present *The Emancipation Proclamation* at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gnmp.

Feb. 18, 6-9 p.m. Hauser After Hours will be held at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville, www.hauserestate.com.

Feb. 18, 8 p.m. Bettye LaVette will perform at The Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org.

Feb. 18, 8 p.m. The Gettysburg College Jazz Ensemble will perform



The Temptations



at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. For more information, call 717-337-8200.

Feb. 19, 1:30 p.m. Karlton Smith will present *The Night the War Was Won: The Battle of New Orleans, April 24, 1862* at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gnmp.

Feb. 19, 7 p.m. The H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center in Shippensburg presents *Cirque Dreams Pop Goes the Rock*. For more information, call 717-477-SHOW.

Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m. The Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, presents *The Blues Brothers: The Smash Hit Show*. For more information and tickets, call 717-337-8200.

Feb. 23, 8 p.m. The Temptations will perform in concert at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. For more information, call 717-477-SHOW.

Feb. 25, 1 p.m. Ernani will be performed by the Metropolitan Opera and shown "Live in HD" at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Tickets are available at 717-337-8200.

Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m. Bert Barnett will present a program on the results of the 1862 Campaign in the West at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gnmp.

Feb. 25, 3 p.m. StepDance will perform at The Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org.

Feb. 25, 5-6:30 p.m. An Evening with the Painting will be held at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information and tickets, visit www.gettysburgfoundation.org.

Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. The Spinners will perform at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.

Feb. 26, 1:30 p.m. Dan Welch will present *The Rise and Fall of Hope: Robert E. Lee, George McClellan and the Seven Days Battles* at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gnmp.

Feb. 26, 7 p.m. The Golden Dragon Acrobats will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. For more information, call 717-477-SHOW.

Feb. 26, 8 p.m. The Sunderman Conservatory Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. For more information, call 717-337-8200.

Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. Fiddler on the Roof will be performed at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.



Ernani

Fiddler on the Roof



MARCH

March 1, 7:30 p.m. Grace Kelly Quintet will perform at The Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org.

March 2, 6-9 p.m. Lucia & Levi will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville, www.hauserestate.com.

March 2, 7:30 p.m. The Tartan Terrors will perform at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.

March 2, 8 p.m. The Sunderman Conservatory Wind Symphony will perform at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. For more information, call 717-337-8200.

March 2, 8 p.m. Loretta Lynn will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. For more information, call 717-477-SHOW.

Mar. 2, 3, 4. Joys of Springtime, a Standard Flower Show, presented by the garden clubs of South Central PA, District IV, Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, in association with the Pennsylvania Garden Show of York: *A Surprise Around Every*

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Corner. Toyota Arena – York Expo Center, 334 Carlisle Avenue, York, PA. Friday, March 2, 1 p.m. – 9 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sunday, March 4, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For additional information, contact: babrand@embarqmail.com.

March 3, 8 p.m. MozART Group will perform at The Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org.

March 3. Jim Hessler will present *Longstreet at Gettysburg*. For more information and to register, call 717-339-2161 or visit www.gettysburgfoundation.org.

March 4, 1:30 p.m. Angie Atkinson will present a program on Fredericksburg at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gnmp.

March 7, 8 p.m. SFJAZZ Collective will perform at The Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org.

March 9, 6-9 p.m. The Greybeards Duo will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville, www.hauserestate.com.

March 9, 7:30 p.m. Mike Birbiglia will perform at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.

March 9, 8 p.m. Robin and Linda Williams will perform at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.

March 9, 8 p.m. The Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, presents *Moms Let Loose*. For more information and tickets, call 717-337-8200.

March 10, 1:30 p.m. Troy Harman will present *Official Language: Cover-ups Hidden in Gettysburg After-Action Reports* at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gnmp.

March 10, 8 p.m. The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will perform at The Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org.

March 11, 1:30 p.m. Barbara Sanders will present a program on the medical corps in the Campaigns of 1862 at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gnmp.

March 14, 4:30 p.m. The Nevada High School Marching Band will perform at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center.

March 15, 8 p.m. Capitol Steps will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. For more information, call 717-477-SHOW.

March 16-18 & March 23-25. York Little Theater, 27 S. Belmont St., York, presents *Red vs. the Wolf*. For more information, visit www.ylt.org.

March 17, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. The H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center in Shippensburg presents *Seussical*. For more information, call 717-477-SHOW.



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March 17, 6-9 p.m. Across the Pond will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville, www.hauserestate.com.

March 17, 8 p.m. Cesar Millan will speak at the Hershey Theatre, Hershey. For more information and tickets, visit www.hersheytheatre.com.

March 18, 3 p.m. The Lancaster Brass Quintet will perform at Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 124 Broadway, Hanover. For more information, call 717-632-8281.

March 18, 3 p.m. The Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, presents *Celtic Nights: Journey of Hope*. For more information, call 717-337-8200.

March 18, 4 p.m. The Flying Karamazov Brothers will perform at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.

March 18, 4 p.m. Stars on Ice will skate into the Giant Center, Hershey. For more information and tickets, visit www.hersheyentertainment.com.

Mar. 20, 7:30 p.m. Historic Gettysburg Adams County Educational Speaker Program. Lincoln reenactor and Gettysburg resident, James Getty will give a presentation on his start as a living history actor and then we welcome Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States. GAR building, 53 E. Middle Street, Gettysburg. Handicapped accessible. For more information call 717-334-8312.

March 20-25. Hershey Theatre, Hershey, presents *West Side Story*. For more information, visit www.hersheytheatre.com.

March 23, 6-9 p.m. The Soup Band will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville, www.hauserestate.com.

March 23, 7 p.m. The Harlem Globetrotters will visit the Giant Center, Hershey. For more information and tickets, visit www.hersheyentertainment.com.

March 23, 8 p.m. The Texas Tenors will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. For more information, call 717-477-SHOW.

March 23, 8 p.m. Tom Rush will perform at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.

March 24, 3 p.m. Mark Nizer will perform at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. For more information, call 717-337-8200.

March 24 & March 31. The Gettysburg Foundation presents *Follow the Trolley Bed of History: The Gettysburg Electric Railway*, with Sue Boardman as part of the John Scott Adams Seminar Series. For more information and to register, visit www.gettysburgfoundation.org.

March 28, 7:30 p.m. The Gettysburg Community Concert Association presents the Hyperion String Quartet in concert at the Gettysburg Area Middle School, 37 Lefever St., Gettysburg. For more information, email gettysburgcca@embarqmail.com or call 717-334-3788.

March 29, 3:30 & 6:30 p.m. The Fresh Beat Band will perform at the Hershey Theatre, Hershey. For more information and tickets, visit www.hersheytheatre.com.

March 29, 7:30 p.m. Chris Botti will perform at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.

March 30, 6-9 p.m. The Al Parsons Band will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville, www.hauserestate.com.

March 31, 7:30 p.m. The Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra will perform in Laird Hall at Wilson College, Chambersburg. For more information, visit www.wilson.edu.

March 31, 4 p.m. Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York, presents *Magic School Bus*. For more information, visit www.strandcapitol.org.



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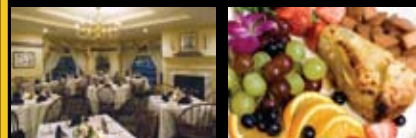


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(ABOVE) Steve Renner, right, poses with his father, Paul, outside the Adams County courthouse in Gettysburg, after Steve was sworn in as the county's first-ever Controller. Darryl Wheeler photo



(ABOVE) Ten-year-old Kyrsten Kidd of Fairfield celebrates the new year with a unique pair of glasses during New Year's Eve festivities in downtown Gettysburg. Darryl Wheeler photo

(BELOW) Joseph Acquah, of Johnson Atelier Fine Arts, works to remove the two-piece sculpture, "Return Visit," depicting President Abraham Lincoln and a present-day visitor, from Lincoln Square in Gettysburg. The work, by J. Seward Johnson, was taken to a facility in New Jersey to undergo refurbishing and moderate repairs. Bill Schwartz Photo



(RIGHT) Actor and playwright Stephen Lang delivers rousing and thought-provoking remarks during the Dedication Day program at the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

John Armstrong photo





(ABOVE) A couple of "angels" overlook proceedings during the Live Nativity for Mountain Top Ministries in Buchanan Valley. Bill Schwartz photo

(BELOW) Delone Catholic girls basketball star Sierra Moore, center, celebrates with mother, Jill, left, and father, Edwin, right, after signing a Letter of Intent to play for Duke University in the fall. John Armstrong photo.



COMMUNITY Faces

Area residents from all walks of life, who are out & about, doing this & that.



(ABOVE) State Senator Rich Alloway, (R-33), right, speaks with Charles "Skip" Strayer at a breakfast where Alloway announced his re-election intentions. Strayer retired as Alloway's Adams County field representative. John Armstrong photo



(ABOVE) A volunteer salutes a gravesite at the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, before placing a wreath on it. The Sgt. Mac Foundation and the National Wreath Project, with the help of countless volunteers, placed wreaths on graves at the Gettysburg and Quantico, VA cemeteries. Darryl Wheeler photo

(BELOW) Hundreds of Catholics with Mexican heritage celebrate at the Xavier Center in Gettysburg for the annual celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bill Schwartz Photo



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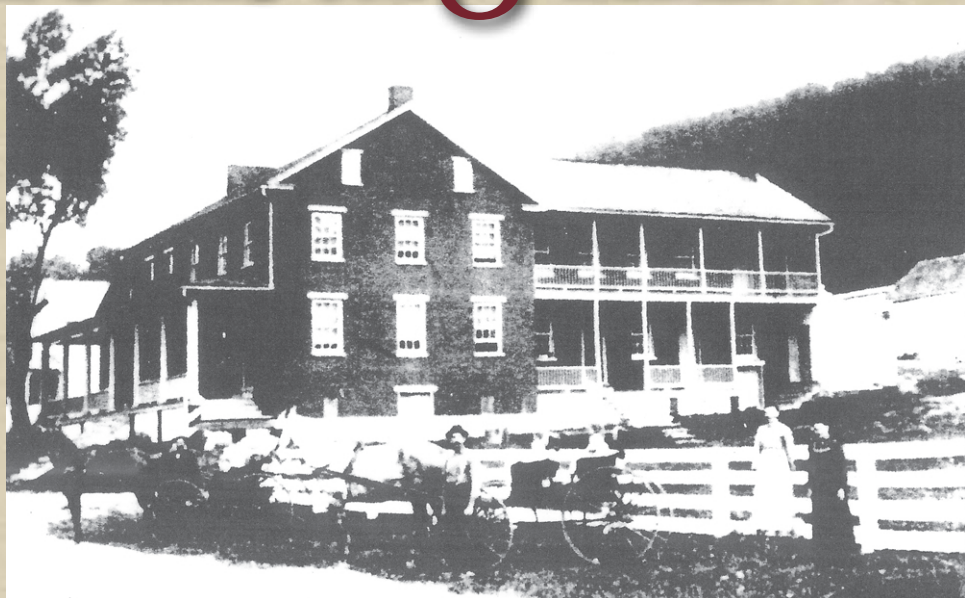
Today on Route 30, at the western boundary of Adams County, stands the maintenance buildings for the Michaux State Forest. However, at the time of the Civil War this was the site of the Graeffenburg Inn.

In 1802 Alexander Caldwell built a log tavern right on the Adams County-Franklin County line. Caldwell installed two bars at each end of the tavern and when the tax collector from Adams County showed up, he told him that he sold all of his liquor in Franklin County. When the tax collector from Franklin County arrived, he told him he served all of his liquor in Adams County. The story doesn't say how long this little ruse lasted but you have to admire his ingenuity.

Caldwell sold his tavern in 1818 and from then until 1843 other owners and proprietors ran it. In 1843 David Goodyear bought the old tavern and ran it for the next 20 years. He had an excellent location right on the Chambersburg Pike and his business prospered.

Unfortunately, the old tavern was destroyed by fire in 1849 but Goodyear replaced it with a large two story brick inn that contained nineteen rooms as well as a large dining room.

The area around the inn was growing steadily. Thaddeus Stevens established the Caledonia Iron Works nearby and it was decided that a post office should be



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established here but a name had to be chosen for this new community. Edward McPherson, a friend of Thaddeus Stevens, suggested Graeffenburg. The name was taken from a famous spa north of Vienna, Austria and because of the natural springs on the property it seemed to be a fitting name. The new post office was established at the inn, which was now known as the Graeffenburg Inn.

Goodyear continued to operate his profitable establishment but in 1861 the Civil War broke out. In October 1862 J. E. B. Stuart, on his second ride around the Army of the Potomac, raided Adams County. His men stopped at the Graeffenburg and helped themselves to the liquor supply.

Benjamin Shriver, the proprietor, submitted a damage claim for 40 gallons of whiskey, nine gallons of brandy, and two

gallons of gin. While Stuart's raid put a slight dent in the Inn's operation it is nothing compared to what happened to the area eight months later.

In June 1863 General Jubal Early and his Confederate division invaded Adams County. Early's men burned Thaddeus Stevens' Caledonia Iron Works, and there are some accounts that they burned the Graeffenburg Inn as well. However, an ad in the *Gettysburg Compiler* from October 26, 1863 lists the Inn for sale. The ad describes the Inn in great detail and mentions nothing about a fire or damage. Also the fact that Goodyear did not file a damage claim for this seems to indicate that the inn was not destroyed.

In 1864 Lydia Hostetter took ownership, and after the Civil War the Graeffenburg Inn became a popular health resort. By the 20th century, however, its popularity declined and the building is rundown. It goes through several restorations but unfortunately, on March 15, 1980, the old inn was destroyed by arson, 117 years after Jubal Early's visit. 



This is the seventh in a series of articles, researched and written by John Winkelman, on the taverns, inns, and hotels in Adams County and surrounding vicinity.

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By John Winkelman

Family Influence *by Bob O'Connor*

The Washington family has been an important influence on Charles Town and Jefferson County, West Virginia. Young George Washington first saw the Shenandoah Valley in the early 1750s while surveying for Lord Fairfax. Recognizing the value of the fertile ground, George began purchasing land in Jefferson County (then part of Western Virginia) and encouraged his elder brother, Lawrence, to do the same.

Together George and Lawrence owned several thousand acres of land along Bullsken Run. Upon Lawrence's death, his lands here passed to younger brothers Samuel, John, Augustine, and Charles. Two of the brothers, Samuel and Charles, came to Jefferson County to make their homes – Samuel at *Harewood* and Charles at *Happy Retreat*.

In 1780, Charles Washington left his home in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and moved to the Lower Shenandoah Valley. Upon arrival in Charlestown, he began construction of his home, *Happy Retreat* located on a rise overlooking Evitts Marsh. He built and occupied the two side wings of the house.

In late 1786, Charles requested approval from the Virginia General Assembly to incorporate a town on 80 acres of his holdings and Charlestown, Virginia, (today it is Charles Town, West Virginia). In the first few days of 1787, the General Assembly granted its approval and the new

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town he named for himself was born. Through the influence of President Washington, a federal armory and arsenal was established at nearby Harpers Ferry in 1797. That industry would prove vital to the economy of Jefferson County until it was destroyed at the start of the Civil War.

Charles Washington's law office, located on Lawrence Street between Washington and Liberty Street, was built on Lot 19 of the original town plot that Charles Washington laid out for the town. He named the main east/west street for his family, calling it Washington Street and the four main north/south streets after the four brothers – George Street, Lawrence Street, Charles Street, and Samuel Street.

Charles Washington designated the four corners of the intersection of Washington Street and George Street for community use in perpetuity. At those four corners today you will find the Jefferson County Courthouse, The U.S. Post Office, Charles Town City Hall and what was the Charles Washington Market House.


The Jefferson County Courthouse in Charles Town was the site in October 1859 of the treason trials of John Brown and his men, who had captured the federal arsenal in Harpers Ferry on the evening of October 16, 1859. Brown and six of his raiders were found guilty. They were hanged on a property just south of the courthouse in Charles Town.

During the Civil War, the courthouse was destroyed by cannon fire and the county seat was moved temporarily to Shepherdstown. After the war, when the courthouse was restored in 1872, the county seat was moved back to Charles Town.

In 1922, Charles Town was the site of a second treason trial. The trials of the coal miners from the coal miners' war called the Battle of Blair Mountain were held in the Jefferson County Courthouse. The court had handed down 738 indictments. The Union leader, Bill Blizzard, was acquitted of treason. Others were found guilty but eventually all the sentences were commuted.

Today Charles Town is a Preserve America community, so designated as the first in West Virginia. The town also holds an annual Charles Town Heritage Day, the Washington Family Home Tour, and the African American Heritage Festival. The town has its own official ghost tour. Walking tours of the town and tours of the courthouse are held periodically throughout the year. The town hosts a large Christmas Parade and a Holiday Horse Parade both in December each year.

The Jefferson County Museum located one block from the square has an outstanding collection of documents and artifacts that include an original letter from George Washington, the Preston Chew battle flag, and the original wagon that carried John Brown to his hanging.

Today, The Friends of Happy Retreat, a not-for-profit organization, is raising money to purchase Charles Washington's home and use it as a center for ethics. Academy Award winning Actor Richard Dreyfuss is working with the organization to secure national funding for the project. 





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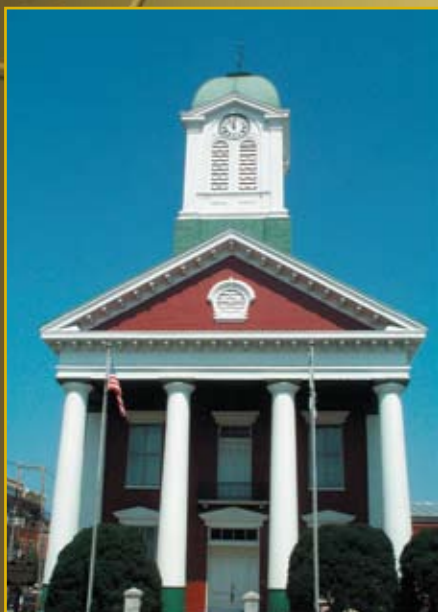


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